

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG) SPECIAL COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 23, 2016**

ATTENDANCE: M. Evette Brantley, Co-chair; Milta Feliciano, Co-chair; Richard Salter, Aidee Nieves, Nessah Smith, Alfredo Castillo, and Scott Burns.

STAFF: Ginne-Ray Clay

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Brantley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. A quorum was present.

**96-15 Proposed Program 42 Annual Action Plan:
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Homeless Emergency Solution Grant (HESG)
HOME Investment Partnership Program
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)**

The Committee then began reviewing the various items and the recommendations made by the Citizen's Union. Ms. Clay gave an overview of the discussions that the Citizens Union held and listed a number of priorities that the Citizen Union used, such as focusing on programs rather than administration. Ms. Clay explained that she had a meeting with HUD earlier in the day and outlined the key points of the discussion.

A question was raised about Children in Placement. Ms. Clay said that the Citizens Union did not allocate funding because they felt that it was a duplication of services. Council Member Brantley said that this was a different program and provided services to a different population.

The discussion moved to the Department on Aging request. Council Member Feliciano pointed out that the request was for the Eisenhower Center and that the attendance had decreased.

The next item was the East Side Senior Center. Ms. Clay said that the building had just been sold and there are negotiation underway about the use of the building and the rent.

Ms. Clay pointed out that Groundwork Bridgeport East Side Park Activation and Groundwork Bridgeport: Green Team had inconsistencies in their paperwork regarding the salaries.

When a question was raised about the Neighborhood Studios: Saturday Studios, Ms. Clay explained that they were late filing their report and also late in submitting vouchers for payment.

Council Member Brantley said that the Village Initiative Project: College Prep (VIP) is the best program in the nation. She had a 95% rate of success with her program.

After the Committee completed the Public Service section, they moved to Public Facilities. Ms. Clay pointed out that the only NRZ that was eligible for funding because it was a 501(c)3. The other NRZs need fiduciaries to handle the money.

Upon the completion of the full review of the allocations, the Committee came to consensus with the following allocations:

PUBLIC SERVICE

Access Educational Services: STEM Project - \$15,000
Boys and Girls Orcutt After School - \$15,000
Bridgeport Caribe Youth Leadership: Caribe Youth Leaders - \$25,000
Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust – Foreclosure Prevention - \$0.00
Bridgeport YMCA – South End Community Center: Program - \$8,000
Center from Family Justice – Empowerment & Family Strengthening - \$5,000
Children In Placement: Court Appt. Special Advocate - \$16,195
CoB: Department on Aging Programs - \$5,000
CoB: Social Services: East Side Senior Center RENTAL - \$40,000
CoB: Social Services: East Side Senior Center PROGRAM - \$5,000
CoB: Social Services: Utility Shut Off Protection - \$7,500
CoB: Mayor’s Conservation Corps - \$90,000
CoB: Department of Youth Services: YSB Grant Match - \$43,500
Cook and Grow - \$5,000
Council of Churches: Computer & Entrepreneurial Training - \$0.00
Council of Churches: Farmers Market Collaborative - \$0.00
Council of Churches: Salt of the Earth Enterprise Kitchens (SEEK) - \$0.00
Downtown Cabaret: Cabaret Children’s Company - \$15,000
East End Developers Youth Apprenticeship - \$0.00
The Fitting Room: Educational Media - \$0.00
GBATT: Housing for Success - \$0.00
Green Village Initiative Community Garden Program - \$5,000
Groundwork Bridgeport: East Side Park Activation - \$5,000
Groundwork Bridgeport: Green Team - \$0.00
Hall Neighborhood House: Anti-violence Rally for Youth - \$5,000
Hall Neighborhood House: Books in a Bag - \$5,000
Hall Neighborhood House: Ella Jackson – Senior Center - \$15,000
Klein Memorial Auditorium Foundation: After School at the Klein (ASK) - \$12,000
Life Bridge Community Services: WorksSkills Training and Employment - \$0.00
Marrakech Academy for Human Service Training- \$0.00
McGivney Community Center Youth Programming - \$7,000
Neighborhood Studios: Saturday Studios - \$5,000
Ralphola Taylor Community Center - \$10,000
Ralphola Taylor Community Center: Staff Expansion - \$15,000
Reservoir NRZ Senior and Youth Programs - \$0.00
Sickle Cell: Sickle Cell Outreach - \$10,000
Village Initiative Project: College Prep - \$25,000

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Alpha/YMCA: Jean Wallace Roof Replacement - \$40,000
Black Rock NRZ - \$15,000
Boys and Girls Club: Jerome Orcutt Rehabilitation - \$200,000
Bridgeport Community Land Trust - \$9,500
Bridgeport Neighborhood Trust: West Side NRZ - \$0.00
Cardinal Sheehan Center Facility Upgrade - \$36,196
Chemical Abuse Services Agency: Casa Hostos Windows/Doors - \$40,600
Chemical Abuse Services Agency: Project Courage Roof/Gutters/Windows - \$38,850
Church of the Blessed Sacrament: Kitchen Renovation - \$5,000
Church of God La Senda Antigua: East Main Street Streetscapes/Facades - \$0.00
CoB: Health & Social Services: Food Policy Council Health Corner Stores - \$10,000
CoB: OPED/ONR: Beautify Bridgeport - \$30,000
CoB: OPED/ONR: East Side NRZ Anti-blight - \$0.00
CoB: OPED/ONR: Storefront Façade Program - \$100,000
CoB: Parks and Recreation: Tree Planting Program - \$75,000
CoB: Parks and Recreation: Public Park Improvements – Seaside Park - \$188,687*
CoB: Public Facilities – Sidewalks, Block 406 - \$35,000
Downtown Special Services District (DSSD): Phase III Open Space - \$15,000
GBAPP: Hollow NRZ - \$0.00
Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprises (GBCE) Compactor - \$109,635.87**
Hall Neighborhood House Security Door System - \$56,165
Hall Neighborhood House Around the Clock Daycare Security Project - \$25,275
HomeFront Housing Renovation - \$0.00
Liberation Program: Security System - \$29,888.00
LifeBridge Parking Lot Renovation - \$0.00
McGivney: Security System Upgrade - \$15,000
Neighborhood Studios: Thermostat/Heating Upgrade - \$17,500
Recovery Network of Program: Windows - \$30,550
Trashbusters, Inc.: Mill Hill NRZ - \$0.00

* For bathrooms

** Must submit documentation with exact figures to Ms. Clay

HOUSING

CoB: Bridgeport Lead Free Families - \$25,000
CoB: OPED/ HCD Homeowner Rehab - \$150,000
CoB: OPED/HCD Housing Delivery Costs - \$140,000
Columbus Commons Condo Assoc. Siding Project - \$0.00
Kennedy Center: Beacon Court Bathroom - \$19,900
Kennedy Center: Carroll Apartments Energy Efficiency - \$39,000
Kennedy Center: Probus House Bathroom - \$24,500
Riverview Condo Association - \$0.00
Roberto Clemente Condo Association - \$0.00
Second Stone Ridge - \$0.00

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Third Stone Ridge – \$0.00
Unity Heights Paving Project - \$0.00

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG)

Bridgeport Tabernacle -\$25,800
Helping Hands Outreach - \$10,000
St. John's Family Center - \$10,000

Alpha Community Services: Families in Transition - \$60,000
CT Coalition: Homeless Management Info System - \$15,000

CoB: Social Services: Emergency Rental Assistance - \$60,000
ABCD: Emergency Energy Assistance - \$45,000
ABCD: Emergency Rental Assistance - \$0.00

United Way of Coastal Fairfield County: Bridgeport Rapid Rehousing - \$26,107

HOPWA

AIDS Project Greater Danbury - \$142,997
Chemical Abuse Services Agency (CASA) - \$125,000
Inspirca – Housing - \$177,461
Mid-Fairfield AIDS Project, Inc. - \$139,090
Recovery Network of Programs - \$136,918
Refocus Outreach Ministry - \$50,000
HOPWA Administration - \$23,859.75

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SMITH MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** COUNCIL MEMBER FELICIANO SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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Telesco Secretarial Services

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